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In re Application of  
AMICK, John Kenneth  
Application No. 09/556,439  
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DECISION ON PETITION  
TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER  
37 CFR 1.102(c)(1)

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), filed June 13, 2008, to make the above-identified application special based on applicant's health as set forth in M.P.E.P. § 708.02, Section III.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1) and MPEP § 708.02, Section III: Applicant's Health, must be accompanied by evidence showing such as a doctor's certificate or other medical certificate that the state of health of the applicant is such that he or she might not be available to assist in the prosecution of the application if it were to run its normal course. No fee is required

The instant petition includes a copy of the inventor's doctor's certificate attesting to John Kenneth Amick's health. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Michelle R. Eason at 571-272-4231.

All other inquiries concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

The application is being forwarded to the Technology Center Art Unit 2124 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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